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Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

This is the tourist time of the year and Appomattox has much to offer.

Tourists would enjoy going over General Lee's last march from the Crater to Appomattox — either by car or bus. The historical Society might arrange this service. The writer has worked out the roads Lee followed and though they are winding (certainly "not as the crow flies") they can be followed.

The Confederate troops after the Battle of the Crater April 2, 1865 took route number I to 613. About the same time General Ewell and Custis Lee left Richmond, proceeding west in hope of supplies and aid. General Lee's men were defeated at Five Forks in Dinwiddie and then took route 627 and went north to an intersection at 611 and from there to another intersection at 708, following this route they entered Mannboro (a small village) and then west to an intersection at 153, where one enters Scotts Fork, and continuing west on State Road 38 the tourist enters Amelia Court House, historically important because Lee had expected supplies that never arrived. Amelia people did all they could to help the weary soldiers.

From here the Confederate forces pushed on to what is now U. S. 360 westward to Jetersville to an intersection at 617, which goes thru the ill fated but well-known Battlefield of Saylor's Creek. Here on April 6, 1865 General Lee met his most crushing defeat — 3,000 men were captured or killed. Prior to this defeat the Confederate troops had tried to break through the Union breastworks at Burkeville, south of Amelia, but were driven back. Today these same breastworks and Hillsman House, used as a hospital can still be seen

Despite defeat the Confederate soldiers left Saylor's Creek on route 617 and proceeded southwest to an intersection on Route 620. If one turns a bit northwest on 620 and then west on 619 he can see High Bridge from a dead end gravel road. At High Bridge the Confederate Army was again thwarted.

Now the tourist turns back to 619 and proceeds to the village of Rice, and from there on route 460 to Farmville. Here Lee went to the Jackson House on Beech Street to meet the Secretary of War. Grant in pursuit took up his stand at the Randolph House, and on April 7, 1865 sent his first letter to Lee concerning surrender which Lee received late in the afternoon at Cumberland Church.

In the meantime, Lee had gone on route 45 to Raines Tavern in Cumberland, near the Presbyterian Church. There the last Cavalry Battle took place. Nearby Raines Tavern one sees the Memorial sign "Route of Lee's Retreat."

From Cumberland on 636 (route) Lee entered Buckingham. Grant, still in pursuit followed and stopped overnight at Sheppards (the Crute home) where U. S. 15 intersect 636. Lee still in advance stopped at New Store on 636 where he received and replied to the second letter of Grant.

Then on April 9, 1865, as dawn came Lee — still on route 636 — pushed on to an intersection on State Route 24, and proceeded south to what is now the national shrine (Old Appomattox Court House and the McLean House). Grant followed and on that same day April 9, 1865 the surrender took place and a divided nation was again made whole.

Elizabeth Nicholson Richter, Petersburg, Va.

VEO Will Sponsor Energy Saving Workshop

Louis R. Lawson, Jr., Director of the Virginia Energy Office, announced today a determined effort to enable Virginia homeowners to lower the statewide cost of heating homes this winter by as much as $10 million.

During October, a month to be designated "Energy Conservation Month," the Energy Office in cooperation with the Community College System will sponsor over 250 home energy saving workshops in more than 100 locations throughout the State.

"No other state has attempted such a widespread, intensive effort to inform citizens of these energy/money saving ideas. We will give participants free money-saving information, free "do-it-yourself" publications worth about $5.00, and free consultation with knowledgeable instructors or engineers. We are talking about free energy saving information that will put money in homeowners' pockets - not up the chimney," Lawson said.

Last winter's unusually low temperatures combined with the rising cost of energy placed the greatest financial burden on Virginia homeowners in history Lawson reminded reporters at the State Capitol.

"If those same homeowners will give us an hour or two of their time by attending one of these workshops, we will demonstrate several low cost, common sense energy conservation steps that can save them as much as $10 to $20 of every $100 they would have spent for heating this winter.

The home energy savers' workshop will be offered on most of the State's 32 Community College campuses, in many high school and other government buildings, and to interested civic and service organizations.

"We will attempt to schedule a special presentation for any group of 50 persons or more at a time and location convenient to them," Lawson said.

"Several utilities and other companies have agreed to stuff customers' bills with workshop notices. Civic and service organizations are being asked to promote the presentations in their communities. And newspapers, and radio and television stations are being asked to assist the Energy Office in making sure that every homeowner in Virginia will have been informed that the money saving workshops will be available to them during October," Lawson explained.

Additional information on the workshops or about special presentations can be obtained from each Community College's Office of Continuing Education or from the Energy Office's toll free number 800-552-3831.

Lawson also said the Energy Office is planning similar workshops for commerce and industry during October to help managers reduce their energy costs. That program is to be announced around the beginning of September.

It is an all-too-common failing to expect others to inconvenience themselves on our behalf and yet become upset when the shoe is on the other foot.

A cold wind was howling and a chilling rain was beating down when the telephone rang in the home of a doctor recently.

The caller said that his wife needed urgent medical attention. The doctor was understanding. "I'll be glad to come, but my car is being repaired," he said. "Could you come and get me?"

There was indication at the other end of the phone. "What," an angry voice sputtered, "in this weather?"

HOMEMAKERS CLUB PLANS DINNER

The Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Friday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant for their annual family dinner.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

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The Pastor Speaks

"FORGIVENESS"

There are many difficult and hard things one must face or do in their lives. For some people, there is no harder task than admitting mistakes or wrong they may have done in their lives. Trying to cover up mistakes or wrong doings only end up hurting a person more. The inner guilt that builds up inside can make the person always on the defensive. Guilt can cause a person to do unusual things in their life.

We all do wrong and sin in our lives. We will all need to confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness. I John 1:9 says "If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Often finding complete forgiveness starts with God, but sometimes we have to seek the forgiveness from a person we offended because of our sin. Sometimes this may happen in our family, among friends or where we may work.

Spiritual forgiveness is at the center of our faith as Christians. Jesus came to earth to be our Saviour. When He died on Calvary, He bore your sins and mine and paid the penalty for them. His death, burial and resurrection are all part of God's divine plan for forgiving sins and giving us eternal life. The Bible says "But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." Psalms 130:4 God can and will forgive anyone's sin no matter how big or little we may think they are. The sin of stealing a pen, telling a lie, stealing a car, or even murder can all be covered in God's forgiveness.

The Bible teaches us that God is holy and sinless. He cannot look on sin. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. The sin you commit separates you from God. First you need to confess your sin to God and ask His forgiveness. God promises in the Bible that He will forgive our sins and cover them with His shed blood. Nicodemus came to Jesus seeking the way to God and he found it through forgiveness and faith. King David in the Old Testament found God's peace and forgiveness of the sin he committed.

The Bible teaches us about two kinds of forgiveness. One type of forgiveness is found when the sinner confesses and asks Jesus in his heart. The other forgiveness is found by Christians when they have sinned. After a person is born again, we still can sin and must seek God's forgiveness. Sin separates a person from God. He offers forgiveness for the purpose of giving us a right relation with Him in our lives.

A person cannot become a Christian without confessing and forsaking his sin. A Christian builds a wall between him and God if he doesn't confess his sin and seek forgiveness of Him and any he may have wronged. How often do you hear true stories of people who find Jesus as Savior and return money to stores from whom they have stolen or shoplifted from. Divine forgiveness means not only the removal of the penalty and guilt; but also restoration of fellowship and a right relationship with God and our fellow man. It's also wonderful to know that when God forgives our sins, He removes them as far as the east is from the west and remembers them against us no more. He truly forgives; do we forgive others truly?

Paul A. Balthaser, Pastor
Central Baptist Church
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WASTED GIFT

Lesson for August 21, 1977

Background Scripture: Judges 13 through 16
Devotional Reading: Psalms 27

Rev. Althouse

If you have ever watched the story on Samson in a motion picture, you will remember that the climax of the film comes when the blinded Samson pulls down the pillars at the feast of Dagon, killing his Philistine enemies and dying in the rubble himself. It is the kind of scene that brings applause from children in the theatre - the "bad guys" finally get their just deserts!

Making sport of Samson

Yet, the closing moments of the last episode in the story of Samson are really not moments of victory. Samson's story is not a "success story" and Samson is hardly the "hero" some have attempted to picture him. At best he is a tragic figure.

He started off well enough - born into a pious family, dedicated to a holy calling, and blessed by God with prodigious strength. Samson seemed bound for leadership glory among his people. Yet, despite his good beginning, Samson's life took a tragic turn because he began to abuse the power that was given him. His became an undisciplined life that was dominated much more by his passions and lusts than his sacred vows.

Perhaps it was for this reason that the stories of Samson are included in the Book of Judges: as a warning to all of Israel, particularly those to whom God had given special gifts. The story of Samson is the story of a precious gift wasted! In a sense, perhaps the Biblical writer is using the tragic Samson as an object lesson: **this is what happens when God's people drift away from their faith.**

The Philistine connection

All of Samson's struggles were with the Philistines, a sea-faring people who inhabited a number of coastal cities. The religious leaders of Israel warned their people who lived in close proximity with the Philistines to avoid adopting any of the ways of their pagan neighbors. It is ironic that what brought Samson's downfall was the degree to which he took on ways of his enemies. Although his physical might was much superior, they defeated him as he took on their ways and values.

In a sense, there is always a "Philistine connection" in our lives. Nothing is more defeating than when we unconsciously adopt the values and ways of our enemies, when we adopt his methods in order to preserve our principles. Harry Emerson Fosdick once suggested that the greatest danger in warfare is not military defeat, but the unwitting adoption of the very methods and principles we oppose. It is then that the priceless gift of God is wasted.

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FBLA HELD SUMMER PLANNING MEETING

The Appomattox County Future Business Leaders of America held its annual summer planning meeting at Appomattox County High School on Wednesday, August 10th.

The following officers attended: Judy Ayers, President; Garlene Gaines, Vice-President; Sharon Roach, Secretary; Donna Gunter, Treasurer; Rita Reynolds, Reporter; Frances McFadden, Historian; and Melinda Davis, Chaplain.

The following areas were planned: programs, money-making projects, social events, Dance-A-Thon, competitive events, homecoming and the Five-County Fair. The officers also agreed to adopt the state and national theme, "Free Enterprise: It Works Because We Do," as the chapter's project.

GLADSTONE

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris, Callie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McDearmon were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thornhill, of Richmond.

Mrs. Rachel Moore, Mrs. Robert Martin visited Mrs. Dick Seay on Monday. Rhonda Seay is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Moore.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Clyde Carter, of Richmond. He was formerly from Gladstone. We extend sympathy to his relatives that live here.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin, Kris and Steve have returned to Chicago after spending some time her in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cunningham.

Mr. Roy Cunningham and Mr. Emmett Cunningham were in Richmond on Monday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Clyde Carter.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Buster Inabet who have moved to Gladstone from South Carolina.

Rev. J. W. Wiliams, our pastor, is preaching in revival at Union Baptist Church. The James Wright Memorial Sunday School class will attend on Wednesday night.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cyrus this week are Miss Kathy and Joey Watts from Mannassas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton and Scottie visited their daughter and sister in Arlington recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Spiggle, Terri and Paul, Mrs. John Spiggle spent several days last week at Virginia Beach. They were joined by relatives for the week end from Lynchburg.

Visting Mrs. Milton Hunter on Sunday was Mrs. Louis Edward Moore and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Binford Phelps.

Mrs. Maude Phelps celebrated her birthday Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps spent the week end with her. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Smith from Portsmouth, spent last week, also.

Virginia Fibre Reports Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending August 7, 1977. Purchases are listed by counties:

Albemarle	$3,212.08
Amelia	1,805.10
Amherst	7,692.80
Appomattox	9,868.33
Augusta	588.25
BEdford County	3,835.69
Buckingham	8,974.40
Prince William	539.77
Campbell	7,122.01
Charlotte	4,107.56
Fluvanna	840.21
Goochland	632.90
Nelson	14,445.83
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TWO AWARDED TRIP TO STATE 4-H CONGRESS

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They were Susan Shorter and Philip Jacobs, who were among the nearly 150 4-H'ers from some 60 Virginia counties and cities at the three-day event which annually honors, informs and entertains county, district and state winners in the 4-H electric project.

The Virgina 4-H Electric Program, with one of the largest enrollments in the nation, is conducted by Virginia Tech's Extension Division and department of agricultural engineering in cooperation with numerous electric power suppliers.

Philip Jacobs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jacobs of Appomattox, was asked to present his electric demonstration which won him third place in the State Contest at Blacksburg.

This year's program was presided over by Robert Williamson of Washington County. Robert was the 1976 state 4-H electric winner.

Tours to points of interest in the capitol and to Kings Dominion, north of Richmond, plus exhibits and demonstrations and dances also highlighted the three-day event.

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If you awoke at night and found your home ablaze, would your escape be quick and orderly, or would you become a victim of bewilderment and panic? Lack of proper planning and knowing what to do have been found to be the greatest causes of death and injury from fires which break out at night.

Hundreds of persons, preponderantly women and children, lose their lives in fires each year because of lack of proper planning. Many could have been saved had provisions been made for a second means of escape.

Always plan your living quarters so that there is more than one readily useable exit from each occupied room. For upper story windows, a rope ladder should be stored in a handy location near the window. Always plan to close bedroom doors upon retiring. It will block flames long enough to allow room occupants to escape.

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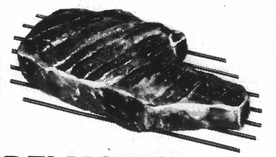

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